Unified Policy regarding collection of forest products used in oil extraction

†1872. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to formulate any unified policy in the country regarding collection of forest products to be used in oil extraction; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) and (b) No such unified policy is under consideration at present. However, the Government of India has advised the State Governments and Union Territory Administrations to bring out a legislation conferring ownership rights in respect of Minor Forest Produce, including tree oil seeds on forest dependent communities.

Proposals from States for development of forests

1873. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received any proposals from different States for the development of forests in the country during the last two years;

(b) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(c) the step taken by Government on the proposals received from the Andhra Pradesh Government and the other States?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. Ministry of Environment and Forests is implementing National Afforestation Programme (NAP) Scheme for regeneration of degraded forests and adjoining forest lands during Tenth Five Year Plan. The Scheme is being implemented through two-tier decentralized mechanism of Forest Development Agency (FDA) at forest division level and Joint Forest Management Committees (JFMCs) at village level. Out of 381 FDA project proposals received during 2003-04 and 2004-05, 289 proposals were approved during the same period.

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

State-wise details of FDA project proposals received and approved during last two years including those of Andhra Pradesh are given in the enclosed Statement.

Statement

Proposals from States for Development of Forests

Sl. No.	Name of State/Union Territory	No. of FDA Project proposals received during 2003-04 & 2004-05	No. of FDA Project proposals sanctioned out of (3) During 2003-04 & 2004-05
1	2	3	4
1	Andhra Pradesh	20	15
2	Arunachal Pradesh	9	5
3	Assam	28	24
4	Bihar	8	6
5	Chhattisgarh	19	17
6	Goa	3	3
7	Gujarat	10	7
8	Haryana	4	3
9	Himachal Pradesh	6	4
10	Jammu & Kashmir	9	9
11	Jharkhand	22	18
12	Karnataka	18	11
13	Kerala	19	8
14	Madhya Pradesh	19	19
15	Maharashtra	27	24
16	Manipur	7	5

1	2	3	4
17	Meghalaya	7	7
18	Mizoram	12	1
19	Nagaland	5	3
20	Orissa	9	4
21	Punjab	12	5
22	Rajasthan	10	9
23	Sikkim	1	1
24	Tamil Nadu	19	19
25	Tripura	4	3
26	Uttar Pradesh	31	23
27	Uttaranchal	30	26
28	West Bengal	13	10
	TOTAL:	381	289

Proposal for development of port of Dholera

1874.SHRI LEKHRAJ BACHANI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal of Government of Gujarat for the development of modern port of Dholera through private sector;

(b) whether except environmental clearance from Government, mostly all the other requirements and formalities are complied with;

(c) whether for environmental clearance, the Government of Gujarat and Maritime Board have submitted necessary documents and information and hearing is also done; and

(d) if so, by when Government are likely to give required clearance so that a construction of the port is started?